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To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey lands within the State of Missouri to local governments located within the State of Missouri.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EMERSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY**

4 The Secretary of Agriculture (hereafter “Secretary”)
5 is authorized to sell to local governments within the State
6 of Missouri certain lands and interests therein and im-
7 provements thereon of the United States within the Coun-
8 ties of Phelps, Howell, Carter, and Ripley, subject to the
9 terms and conditions set forth in section 2. The lands and
10 interests and improvements to be conveyed shall be limited

1 to Forest Service Administrative Sites that, in the discre-
2 tion of the Secretary, are no longer needed for National
3 Forest purposes.

4 **SEC. 2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

5 (a) CONSIDERATION.—Consideration for a convey-
6 ance described in section 1 shall be equal to the fair mar-
7 ket value of the properties as determined by an appraisal
8 prepared in accordance with the Uniform Appraisal
9 Standards for Federal Land Acquisition, as published by
10 the Department of Justice, and which are acceptable to
11 the Secretary. Payment of consideration is due in full
12 within 6 months of conveyance or, at the option of the
13 local government, in 20 equal annual installments com-
14 mencing on January 1 of the first year following the con-
15 veyance and annually thereafter until the total amount
16 due has been paid. At the option of the local government,
17 consideration may be paid by services, in lieu of cash, the
18 value of which the Secretary finds to be equal to the ap-
19 praised fair market value of the Federal land. The type,
20 valuation, and manner of services must be acceptable to
21 the Secretary and provide for the administration of the
22 Mark Twain National Forest on an annual basis not to
23 exceed 20 years. What constitutes approved services shall
24 be set forth in a Memorandum of Understanding between
25 the involved parties prior to conveyance. An annual ac-

1 counting of the services accomplished during the preceding
2 year shall be provided to the Secretary by the local govern-
3 ment by February 15 of each year.

4 (b) FUNDS RECEIVED.—Any funds received by the
5 Secretary as consideration for the conveyances authorized
6 by this Act shall be deposited into a special fund in the
7 Treasury which will remain available until expended by the
8 Secretary for the purpose of acquiring lands or interests
9 therein within the State of Missouri for National Forest
10 Service purposes.

11 (c) RELEASE.—Subject to compliance with all Fed-
12 eral environmental laws prior to transfer, the participating
13 local government, upon transfer of the property described
14 in section 1, shall agree in writing to hold the United
15 States harmless from any and all claims relating to the
16 property, including all claims resulting from hazardous
17 materials on the conveyed lands.

18 (d) REVERSION.—The conveyances described in sec-
19 tion 1 shall be by quitclaim deed in fee simple subject to
20 reversion or right of reentry upon conditions prescribed
21 by the Secretary in the deed of conveyance or in the event
22 of noncompliance with the compensation requirements de-
23 scribed in paragraph (a) of this section.

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